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CRITERIA FOR VALIDATION OF HUMAN SOURCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Is the topic a responsibility of the office and of importance to its production program?
- 2.* If the information is acquired, how will it be used? How will it add to or change a major intelligence position or publication in a significant manner?
- 3.* Is the requirement likely to cause new and significant information to be reported? What is the risk to the production of finished intelligence in not asking for the information? Will the information benefits justify the cost?
4. What has been done to be sure that the requested information is not already available in an intelligence community repository or exploitation facility, the files of another US Government agency, or in library or open source materials?
5. Are there existing requirements written by your office which already serve the intended purpose of the new one?
6. Should the statement of need or the evaluation be coordinated with other production components having interest in the topic?
7. Do the statements clearly and precisely define an information gap? The requirement should not be a broad description of an analytical problem more susceptible to research than to collection.
8. Are the statements so general on an obviously critical need (e.g., Soviet ABM info is urgently needed) as to serve no useful purpose to a collector?
9. Does the requirement or the evaluation encourage the reporting of detail or minutia beyond that really needed for intelligence purposes (i.e., "nice-to-have" information).
10. Does the requirement fit the responsibilities and capabilities of the intended collector? Is the collector likely to be able to satisfy it in the foreseeable future?
11. In the case of a solicited requirement or an evaluation of spontaneous reporting, would you have asked for this information if the opportunity to receive it had not been offered?

* Items 2. and 3. should be applied literally when no known source is available and the collection will probably involve high cost or high risk to the United States Government. A more lenient interpretation applies when a source is already available and information can be reported out at little additional cost or risk.

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